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|                           | First Named Inventor | K.Y. Lin   |
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| Commissioner for Patents  | Group Art Unit       | 1641   |
| P.O. Box 1450             | Examiner Name        | D.J. Venci   |
| Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Title                | Methods for detecting asymmetric dimethylarginine in a biological sample |

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before May 8, 2005. A Petition for a one-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before June 8, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.